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Ford orders intelligence briefing for Carter next week from CIA

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WASHINGTON — President Ford instructed CIA Director George Bush yesterday to give Democratic presidential nominee Jimmy Carter an intelligence and foreign policy briefing next week.

Ron Nessen, Ford's press secretary, said Bush would go to Carter's home town of Plains, Ga., next Wednesday for the briefing. Nessen said

Bush also would provide the same information to the Democratic vice presidential nominee, Sen. Walter F. Mondale of Minnesota, "if he wants it."

Such briefings for presidential candidates have become normal, but they are usually provided through the secretary of state. Carter, however, said he would prefer his briefing through the CIA rather than through

Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger, whose policies he has criticized.

When asked whether there were any matters too sensitive to be discussed, Nessen did not answer directly but said the President wanted Carter to get "a factual intelligence briefing."

Nessen said he did not know whether any ground rules had been established on how Carter might be permitted to use the information.

He said also there probably would be periodic briefings to bring Carter up to date.

Carter will fly to New York today for a series of private meetings with publishers, businessmen and labor leaders, his New York state campaign office announced yesterday.

He is to meet with the editorial board of the Hearst publications. A series of private meetings with business leaders will follow at noon. J. Paul Austin, board chairman of the Coca-Cola Co., will be the host.

Carter will meet later with several labor leaders, including Sol C. Chaikin, president of the International Ladies' Garment Workers Union, and Albert Shanker, president of the American Federation of Teachers. The candidate will conclude the trip with a private meeting with the editorial board of Time magazine.

Mondale returned yesterday to his Senate duties after a vacation in Minnesota, and joined a majority in voting to override Ford's veto of a public jobs bill.